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AN

Imitation of HORACE, Ode V. Book IV.

Humbly Addreſſed

To His ROYAL HIGHNESS

THE

Duke of *CUMBERLAND*,

UPON

His Defeat of the Rebel Army in *Scotland*.

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Imitation of the Fifth Ode of the Fourth Book of *HORACE:*

Divis orte bonis, optime Romulæ
Cuſtos gentis, abes jam nimium diu, &c.

I.

OH! at a lucky Hour for *Britain* born,
Young, gen'rous Guardian of the Church and State,
Victorious to our Wiſhes, now return,
Return, and make our Happineſs compleat.

II. You

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You broke the Clouds that gather'd o'er our Heads ;
You, like the Spring, make ev'ry Object gay :
Your Preſence univerſal Gladneſs ſpreads,
And mends the Sun-ſhine of the Summer's Day.

III.

As the fond Mother for her darling Son,
Whoſe ventr'ous Youth hath driven him to Sea,
If chance a Year, or ſo, he hath been gone,
Or to *Cape Breton*, or to *Coaſt* and *Bay* :

IV.

Can never reſt, and ceaſes ne'er to pray,
With Eyes ſtill fix'd upon the winding Strand,
And hopes, and fears,---yet thinks he'll come that Way—
Such, WILLIAM, is the Fondneſs of this Land.

V.

Oh ! not for naught we love thee,----Now the Steer
Wanders ſecure about the Farmer's Ground,
Who reckons on the Harveſt of the Year,
Nor fears the hoſtile Ships to *Scotland* bound.

VI.

Now ſhall *Good Faith* and CREDIT rear her Head;
For all the Favors Providence hath given,
An univerſal Reformation ſpread:
And *Engliſh* Reprobates look up to Heaven.

VII.

What tho' upon the neighb'ring Continent
France, and her King, may vapour once again;
Who is there now that's fearful for th' Event,
Or thinks at all about the War with *Spain*?

VIII. Each

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Each Man within his Farm, on Hill, or Dale,
Now forms his Arbor, and now prunes his Trees:
At Dinner of the Rebels tells his Tale,
And thanks DUKE WILLIAM with an Heart at Eaſe.

IX.

Then cries *God bleſs him!*--and his Bumper crown'd
To *King*, and *Prince*, and *Duke*, he ſends about:
So the brown Bowls, our Fathers drank, went round
When *Edward*, and when *Harry* marched out.

X.

Go on, brave DUKE, new Triumphs to procure,
Great as from *CRESSY and from †AGINCOUR'.
So prays thro' *Britain* ev'ry HONEST Fellow,
At Morn when sober, and at Night when mellow.

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**Cressy* is famous for a Victory obtained over the *French*, by *Edward* the Black Prince.
†*Agincourt*, for another obtained by *Henry* V.

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